

CAVE A HEARING

Interstate Commerce Commission Hears a Report

ABOUT THROUGH RATES

Only Recognized Steamer Can Secure the Given Rate.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The interstate commerce commission today gave a hearing on its proposed requirement that after January 1, 1904, the tariffs on export and import traffic be published and filed with the commission the same as domestic tariffs. A large number of representatives of both the railroads and the steamship companies attended. The railroads contended that they have only made a fair advance on domestic traffic. During the session an admission was made by Frank Waterhouse, representing the Boston Steamship company of Seattle, of a discriminating contract between that company and the Northern Pacific railroad. Mr. Waterhouse was discussing the 75c through rate from Manila to St. Paul, equally divided between the water line and the railroad.

"Does it not come to this," asked the chairman, "that you want the Northern Pacific road to carry stuff from the ocean line to St. Paul for 75c as a fair proportion?" Mr. Waterhouse: "If brought over on a tramp steamer they won't take it."

Chairman Knapp: "Why not?" Mr. Waterhouse: "Because they have a contract with waterline companies which prohibits it."

Chairman Knapp: "The Northern Pacific have an arrangement with you under which they will not carry any stuff except you bring it over in your steamers?"

Mr. Waterhouse: "I mean they will not take it at the same rate. They would not make the same through rate to a tramp sailing ship or tramp steamer that they would to the regular line."

This admission caused excitement and general counsel, M. D. Grever of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern took the stand to explain the situation.

IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Major General Sumner Will Make That Place Headquarters.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Dec. 17.—Advice was received in Oklahoma City yesterday to the effect that the secretary of war had approved the recommendation of the general staff establishing a southwestern military district to be composed of the departments of Colorado and Texas with the department of Texas to be enlarged by the addition of the states of Arkansas and Louisiana and of Oklahoma and the Indian territory, says the Oklahomaian.

It was also announced that Major General Sumner will be division commander with headquarters in Oklahoma City and that the order would be effective January 15.

The good fortune of Oklahoma City in being selected as the seat of the military department of the southwest was largely due to chance circumstances enterprising. It was taken advantage of by wide-awake citizens of Oklahoma City. Lieutenant Col. Smith of the regular army at Washington, D. C., visited Oklahoma City about a week ago and between trains put up at Hotel Lee. At the hotel, having some business to transact, he inquired what bank in the city was a government depository and he was directed to the Western National bank. At the bank he finished his business and engaged Cashier Holt in conversation, making some inquiries about the city. Mr. Holt went to the telephone and called up Secretary Rose of the Chamber of Commerce, advising him of the presence of the distinguished military man in the city. Secretary Rose immediately took the cue and calling at the bank promptly was made acquainted with Lieut. Col. Smith. He invited the officer to take a drive with him about the city and the latter promptly accepted. He was shown about town and introduced to leading citizens and in the rounds met an old acquaintance and brother officer in Attorney J. H. Grant, recently governor of one of the Philippine islands and captain in the United States army.

The subject of the contemplated redistricting of the army divisions of the United States was brought up and it was suggested that Oklahoma City was admirably situated for headquarters for the proposed southwestern division. Lieut. Col. Smith was taken with the idea and promised to advise that Oklahoma City be selected as the headquarters and military post for the new division, and that he kept that promise is evidenced by the recent military order from the secretary of war.

Under the plan adopted there are to be five divisions of the army with 12 departments. This provision for the divisions is new.

It is believed that the creation of these divisions, each to contain one or more departments and to be commanded by a major general, will be more effective and more nearly perfect organization than that now existing. There will be a division of the Atlantic with headquarters at Governor's island to embrace two departments, department of the east with headquarters at Boston, and a department of the south with headquarters at Atlanta.

The assignment of officers of the new departments will soon be announced. Aside from the major general there will be representatives of each of the several departments which enter into the army organization, an officer of the general staff detailed for duty with the department, an adjutant general, a judge advocate, a chief quartermaster, an inspector, a chief commissary, a chief surgeon, a chief paymaster, an engineer officer, an ordnance officer, an artillery inspector and a signal officer in addition to the aid de camp on the staff of the general commanding. This means also a considerable office force of various kinds.

The secretary of the chamber of commerce, upon the recommendation of Lieut. Col. Smith, leased eleven rooms on the third floor of the new Baltimore building, northeast corner of Grand avenue and Harvey street, to be used temporarily as army division headquarters until the proposed federal building is constructed here, when elegant quarters will be fitted up in that building.

The importance of the order just made as affecting the city is extensive, as the establishment of division headquarters here will bring a hundred families to Oklahoma City and make it the mecca of military men in the west and southwest. The news was received in this city with

rejoicing which was augmented by receipt of a message from Congressional Delegate McGuire yesterday to Mr. Geo. N. Plick, reading:

"Just received telegram. Bill introduced today and passed diverting \$20,000 for purchase of federal building site in Oklahoma City. How much do you want for building?" (Signed) "R. S. McGuire."

As many of the members of the chamber of commerce as could be notified personally and by telephone were at once summoned to a special meeting at which it was decided to ask for an appropriation of \$400,000 for the proposed federal building, and a telegram was forwarded to Delegate McGuire advising him to that effect.

It is thought there will be little difficulty in securing an appropriation of the amount named, especially in view of the fact that the government will be desirous of furnishing quarters for the officers of the southwestern military division.

HATCHED IN PRISON

Ex-Convict Saye Gravelle Planned the Dynamite Scheme.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 17.—In the trial of Isaac Gravelle, charged with dynamiting property of the Northern Pacific railway company it developed today that the plot against the railroad was hatched in the Deer Lodge penitentiary years ago. An ex-convict named Murphy testified that Gravelle, who was then in the penitentiary, told him that he had a scheme of getting money from the railroad. Most of the day was spent in expert testimony by which it was sought to prove that six of the threatening letters had been written in the penitentiary and smuggled out of there by Gravelle when he was discharged last July. A tablet in evidence and state counsel said he would prove that Gravelle had borrowed the tablet from a school girl, for the purpose of writing a letter. The tablet paper was the same as that on which four threatening letters were written.

This afternoon Luther Mills, postmaster at Cascade, identified Gravelle as the man who came to the Cascade postoffice on the evening of October 7, last, and got several sheets of paper and some envelopes. The paper had the manufacturer's brand, and the witness identified the threatening letter sent the Great Northern as on the same paper, and also the envelope as the same sort he had sold Gravelle. Paper found in the coat of Gravelle, after he was arrested, Mills said, was of the same sort he had sold to the defendant.

Gravelle was also identified by two witnesses as having been at Bozeman and Chestnut at about the dates the Northern Pacific tracks were dynamited there, early in August.

SANTA FE'S MILLIONS

BOND ISSUE WILL BE EXPENDED IN IMPROVEMENTS.

Part of the Money Will Be Used in Kansas.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—President E. P. Ripley, of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, said that a large part of the \$10,000,000 bond issue just issued would be used in the construction of a cut-off from Belen, N. M., to a point in the Santa Fe's line in Texas yet to be determined. Work on this line is to be begun in the spring and pushed rapidly to completion.

According to President Ripley, a portion of the proceeds of the bond issue is to be used on the Bradshaw Mountain railway, which is to extend east of Prescott, Ariz., into the mining region. Some of the money will be required to construct the Phoenix and Eastern and the main double tracking which is to be done between Olathe and Emporia and over small stretches in Missouri and Illinois.

FOUL STRIKE RULE

That Is One Bone of Contention Between the Leagues.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The owners of the American baseball league in annual meeting today rescinded the foul strike rule adopted last year as an expedient and declared in favor of a schedule of 154 games in order to meet the extension of the national league schedule. The playing season will open on April 15.

The national league recently declared in favor of the foul strike and it is the general belief that it will be some time before a satisfactory rule for both leagues can be agreed upon.

ITALY AT ST. LOUIS

Believed a Secret Ballot Will Increase the Amount.

Rome, Dec. 18.—In the chamber of deputies today there was a debate on the appropriation of \$100,000 for Italian participation in the St. Louis exposition. Deputy Maggiorino Ferraris spoke in favor of saying that while he did not approve of the sum he wished Italy to be represented.

The treasury promised that the government would do everything possible to towards a proper and adequate representation at the fair. A secret ballot on the bill was taken and it is generally expected that the appropriation will be increased to \$200,000.

OVER HIS VETO

Mayor Disapproves, but the Council Approves the Money.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Mayor Weaver today returned to the city council with his approval of the loan bill appropriating \$15,000,000 for municipal improvements, and both branches of the council promptly passed the bill over the veto. The vote in common council was 18 to 12, and in select council 6 to 6. The mayor in his veto message said that while he would recognize a large number of items in the bill, he thought they should be separated so that the voters could pass upon them. He opposed the item of \$1,000,000 to continue the work on the proposed boulevard in the northeastern part of Philadelphia. The bill originally called for \$25,000,000.

CASTORIA.

The And You Have Always Bought

Two Were Captured

Told the Officers the Fugitives Had Separated.

Tombstone, Ariz., Dec. 17.—Of the nineteen prisoners who escaped from the county jail Tuesday night, two were captured today. John James, indicted for murder, and Pedro Sandoval, sentenced to the penitentiary for two years for smuggling, James was captured without resistance. He told the officers his comrades had separated and are now trying to get across the Mexican line. The Mexican officials apprehended Sandoval. Mexican ruffians have six of the fugitives surrounded in the San Jose mountains.



Budweiser's Greatest Triumph

Declared superior to the best Bohemian beers by the Imperial Experimental Station for the Brewing Industry at Prague, as announced by the following Associated Press cablegram:—

American Brewer Makes Best Beer in the World.

[Special to the Associated Press.]

Prague, Bohemia, Dec. 1.—The Imperial Scientific Commission investigating the different kinds of beer of the world has awarded the highest honor for superiority to an American product.

A correct translation of the results of their examinations is given below, with the Imperial and Royal Notarial and United States Consular verifications.

Upon subjecting a sample of BUDWEISER Beer, brewed by the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n, St. Louis, U. S. A. to a thorough examination, we declare it to be a fully matured lager beer. Its whole nature bears witness to the fact that only the very best materials were used, and that the greatest cleanliness prevailed in its manufacture. The product is not only similar to the highest grade of Bohemian Pale Beers in all its properties, but surpasses our best beers in keeping qualities, which is of the utmost importance.

Experimental Station for the Industry of Brewing, Prague, Bohemia. JAROSLAV SULA, Supt. and Manager.

I hereby certify that Mr. Jaroslav Sula is personally known to me as the Official Chemist of the Experimental Station for the Industry of Brewing, and has this day executed and signed the above document in my presence. Prague, November the third, nineteen hundred and three. J. U. DR. JOHANN SLAMENIK, Imperial and Royal Notary, Prague.

I certify that the foregoing authentication is under the official seal of J. U. Dr. Johann Slamenik, Imperial and Royal Notary, and is entitled to full faith and credit. In testimony whereof I, Arnold Weissberger, Vice and Deputy Consul of the United States of America, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of this consulate to be affixed. Done in this city of Prague this third day of November, 1903. ARNOLD WEISSBERGER, U. S. V. & D. Consul.

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Music and Drama

Coming Attractions for Wichita Amusement Lovers.

At the Crawford.

"The Torsador," a musical comedy in two acts by James T. Tanner and Harry Nichols, was presented by Jefferson De Angelis and his superb opera company last night at the Crawford. It was undoubtedly one of the best musical comedies ever seen here.

Mr. De Angelis appearing in the role of Sammy Gugg, a footman or "tigger," whose ignorance and thoughtless involve him in a series of humorous complications remarkable for their comic interest, was simply fine. It gave him wide scope to display his versatility and to introduce that peculiar style of stage humor for which he is noted. He proved himself especially strong in the scenes where the timid and somewhat unsophisticated footman finds himself involuntarily posing as the champion bull-fighter of Spain. In singing "Beautiful Dreamy" and "When I Marry Susanna," he captivated the audience for it was just one continual round of applause. The skating scene carried the house by storm.

The staging of pieces was very elaborate. The first, which was laid in France, was exceedingly pretty. Spain, the scene of the second act, was also handsome and appropriate. The remainder of the company gave eminent satisfaction, especially Miss Margaret McKinley as Nancy. She possesses a surprisingly sweet voice which was shown to advantage in singing "The Language of the Flowers."

Edgar Norton, as Sir Archibald Shackleton, acted in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Mr. Edward Metcalf, as Larcipolo, a Torsador and Miss Edna Birrell, as Susan, received much praise for their earnest endeavor to please. In fact, every principle in the company deserves special mention for the creditable manner in which every part was presented. The chorus was one of the features of the performance. It was trained to perfection and their singing was excellent.

Their costumes were handsome, and in all this attraction was far above the average in every detail.

Tonight, Elbert Hubbard.

ELBERT HUBBARD.

Elbert Hubbard spoke at the Art Institute yesterday afternoon to an audience that filled every seat, and took the stairs, steps, stage and standing room. He has a voice that is a rare gift. With it he runs the entire gamut of feeling, just as one bull used to make you weep with his liquid notes and you never knew why. Here's a speaker who takes you captive, and binds you hand and foot, and carries you away on the wings of his spirit. You hear all he says and yet you have to listen—he compels attention. You feel he is about to say something, and he does. He will not strain his voice, nor strive to make you hear, nor work to make you comprehend. You go to him—you have to—and he takes you.

ED ANDREWS COMING.

Ed Andrews, the well known comedian, who has broken away from the time worn operatic field, has scored the hit of his career this season in his new musical comedy "Birds of a Feather." According to reports preceding the company it is the best piece in which he has ever appeared, and has met with unusual success. Mr. Andrews is supported by an unusually strong company of artists, including Florence Clayton, Nellie Andrews, Catherine Lee, Arline Bouteille, Ralph Riggs and J. C. Taylor, while the brilliant musical features are under the personal direction of Mr. Chas. Hazelrigg. This splendid organization which will appear here Tuesday, Dec. 22, should, and no doubt will, attract a large audience.

Miss Jane Kennark, who stars this season in the New York Academy of Music production of Paul M. Potter's romantic drama, "Under Two Flags," was at one time widely known as the "young Clara Morris." Miss Kennark, early in her stage career, was associated in the same company with Clara Morris or a number of seasons, although this fact was not responsible for the title given her by numerous western cities. Miss Kennark has been associated in prominent roles with many of the best known stars of the day, and only last summer she was touring with a woman of a stock company in Denver, where she was supported by Aubrey Boucicault as leading man, Theodore Thomas and other players of equally high rank. For three seasons she was a prominent member of Daniel Frohman's New York Lyceum theater stock company, and in the productions of that notable organization. Her stock experience has been extensive and has splendidly fitted her for the enactment of an emotional role like that of Clara Morris. More recently she appeared as Estrella in the New York production of "Arizona." Miss Kennark has everything in her favor—her magnetism and a temperament which adjusts itself to the intelligent expression of every phase of emotion. Her Clara Morris is declared to replicate the lead of the author and she appears to have caught the wild spirit which animated the vivandiere and to have incarnated it in her impersonation. At the Crawford Monday, Dec. 21.

Paul Fumero, who was last season seen in "The Tyranny of Tears," will again appear here very soon, but this time in the big New York and London success, "The Mummy and the Humming Bird."

PITCHED BATTLE IN COURT.

Counsel Exchange Abusive Epithets and Finally Come to Blows.

Rome, Dec. 17.—The world is tolerably well accustomed to stories of free fights in some of the European legislatures, but a pitched battle in court between counsel is something more than out of the common. A lively scene of this kind occurred in Rome. It occurred during the progress of a trial suit brought by Admiral Berio against the Socialist deputy Ferri and his associate, newspaperman From. On the first day of the trial counsel began an exchange of abusive terms, and it soon became plain that before long they would proceed to blows. Scandalized by this prospect, the president of the court tried to suspend the sitting, but before he could effect this Signor Ferri and Signor From, the two leading advocates, charged simultaneously, buried inkpots at each other. Their example was followed by their juniors, and by Signor Ferri himself, and in the scuffle which ensued, chairs, books, inkpots—everything, in fact, that could be used as a missile—was thrown to and fro by the belligerents. When at last order had been restored by

the police, Signor Comandini was found to have had a tooth knocked out by an inkpot, and there was not a white face among the advocates engaged. All were blackened and drenched by the contents of the principal missiles used. Signor Ferri, Admiral Berio's advocate, who seems to have been the chief culprit, promptly retired from the case in order not to damage the interests of his client, Admiral Berio, himself an unwilling spectator of the scene, was powerless to interfere. The hearing was suspended to give the participants an opportunity of recovering their equilibrium.

UNFIT FOR THE WORK

Members of Chamberlain's Commission Are Mostly Rich Men.

London, Dec. 18.—In this morning's issue of the Standard enters a strong editorial protest against Mr. Chamberlain's

commission as involving a complete change of constitutional methods and setting at defiance alike the authority of the crown, the cabinet and legislature. It declares that members of the commission are mostly wealthy protectionists, hardly one of whom would be fit to sit on a really strong commission.

RECEIVED FRAUD ORDER

It Was Against a Get-Rich-Quick Concern in New York.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—Postmaster Kearney, of this city, today received a fraud order from the postoffice department at Washington against Maxim and Gay, a turf investment "get rich quick" concern, which advertised offices at New York and New Orleans and solicited money to be wagered on the races. All mail received at New Orleans addressed to the firm will be stamped fraudulent and returned.

turned to the writers and the payment of money orders will be refused. It is said that there are eight or ten other concerns of a similar nature which are to be the subject of a similar investigation.

TRAIN ROBBERS SEEN

Burt Alvord and Billy Stiles Were Recognized Near the Border.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 17.—Burt Alvord and Billy Stiles, train robbers, who broke jail at Tombstone, Arizona, were seen and recognized today by County Superintendent Charles Walker, of Fairbanks, who was crossing the desert near the Mexican border on a train. Both Alvord and Stiles were mounted on jaded horses. Walker opened fire with a revolver, but the desperadoes put spurs to their horses and rode off in the direction of the border.

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\$40.00 Cloaks \$27.50	\$50.00 Cloaks \$35.00
\$50.00 Cloaks \$35.00	\$60.00 Cloaks \$42.50
\$60.00 Cloaks \$42.50	\$70.00 Cloaks \$50.00
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About 25 Trimmed Hats on the Bargain Counter. Choice, each.....	25c

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